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4. (U) NEA - PAKISTAN-AFGHANISTAN BORDER INCIDENTS

(CLOU) IN RECENT WEEKS, THERE HAVE BEEN THREE ARMED INCURSIONS INTO PAKISTAN FROM AFGHANISTAN. ON SEPTEMBER 24 AND 26, HELICOPTER GUNSHIPS WITH AFGHAN MARKINGS ATTACKED TWO PAKISTANI BORDER POSTS. IN THE FIRST INCIDENT, TWO PAKISTANI SOLDIERS WERE KILLED WHILE ONE GUNSHIP WAS EVIDENTLY DOWNED. ON OCTOBER 24, GUNSHIPS STRAFED TWO PAKISTANI VILLAGES AND A REFUGEE ENCAMPMENT LOCATED IN A TRIBAL AREA. THREE CIVILIANS WERE WOUNDED. FOLLOWING THE SEPTEMBER INCIDENTS, PAKISTAN PRESIDENT ZIA TOLD A PRESS CONFERENCE THAT OVER 200 VIOLATIONS OF PAKISTANI AIR SPACE HAD OCCURRED SINCE THE SOVIET INVASION OF AFGHANISTAN LAST DECEMBER. ONE WORKING LEVEL FOREIGN MINISTRY OFFICIAL TOLD EMBASSY ISLAMABAD THAT PAKISTAN ANTICIPATES MORE CROSS-BORDER INCIDENTS IN COMING WEEKS.

(CLOU) WHILE THE MI-24 GUNSHIPS WERE PRESUMABLY FLOWN BY SOVIETS PILOTS, PAKISTAN HAS CHOSEN TO DOWNPLAY THE SOVIET CONNECTION -- REGISTERING ITS STRONG PROTESTS CONCERNING THE THREE INCIDENTS WITH THE AFGHANISTAN EMBASSY IN ISLAMABAD. ALTHOUGH THE INCIDENTS APPEAR DESIGNED TO INCREASE PRESSURE ON PAKISTAN TO ACCOMMODATE TO KABUL'S BABRAK KARMAL REGIME, PRESIDENT ZIA HAS REITERATED THAT PAKISTAN IS DETERMINED TO MAINTAIN ITS STANCE AGAINST THE SOVIET OCCUPATION OF AFGHANISTAN. AT THE SAME TIME, HE STRESSED THAT THE GOP REMAINS DESIROUS OF A POLITICAL SOLUTION.

(CLOU) THE PAKISTANI UN MISSION HAS ASKED SECRETARY GENERAL WALDHEIM TO CIRCULATE AS A SECURITY COUNCIL DOCUMENT A PAKISTANI NOTE DESCRIBING THE THREE INCIDENTS AS A "SERIOUS ESCALATION OF PROVOCATIVE ACTIONS FROM THE AFGHANISTAN SIDE OF THE PAKISTAN-AFGHANISTAN BORDER". MEANWHILE, THE UNGA WILL CONSIDER A RESOLUTION ON THE AFGHAN CRISIS, CO-SPONSORED BY FORTY COUNTRIES, NOVEMBER 18-21. PAKISTAN IS HOPEFUL THAT THE RESOLUTION WILL OBTAIN MORE VOTES THAN THE 104 CAST FOR THE JANUARY 14 RESOLUTION ON AFGHANISTAN. THE U.S. HAS A STRONG INTEREST IN SECURING THE BROADEST POSSIBLE SUPPORT FOR THIS RESOLUTION, BUT FOR

TACTICAL REASONS HE WILL WORK QUIETLY BEHIND THE SCENES TO THIS END IN ORDER TO EMPHASIZE THE FACT THAT THIS IS AN ISLAMIC INITIATIVE.

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